alcoholic beverage license in Cecil County and providing that this fee shall take effect at a certain time; requiring that certain licensed premises in Cecil County remain open for at least a certain period each year or have their license revoked; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages Section 18 (a), (h) and 32 (h) Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 18 (a), (h) and 32 (h) of Article 2B — Alcoholic Beverages, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and re—enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

## Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

18.

- (a) A Class A beer, wine and liquor license shall be issued by the clerk of the circuit court of the county in which the place of business is located, or by the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore City, if the place of business is located in [said] THAT city, and shall authorize the holder [thereof] to keep for sale and to sell all alcoholic beverages at retail, in any quantity, at the place therein described, and to deliver the same in a sealed package or container which package or container shall not be opened nor its contents consumed on the premises where sold. The annual fee for such a license shall be [five hundred dollars (\$500.00)] \$500, except as otherwise provided in this section, and in all cases the fee shall be payable to [said] THE clerk before any such license is issued, for distribution as hereinafter provided.
- (h) In Cecil County the license fee shall be [five hundred dollars (\$500.00)]\$750 annually[, and no such license shall be issued in that county except to retail druggists and grocers who have conducted such business at least one year prior to application for such license].

32.

(h) [Any license issued in Cecil County for premises on which no sales authorized by the license have